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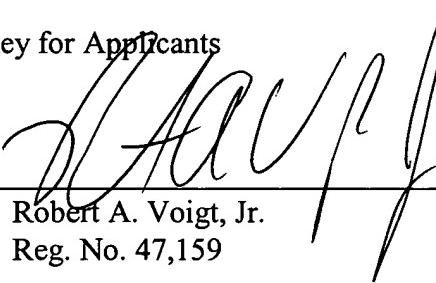
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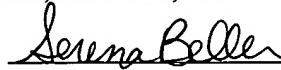
In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 14, 2004 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 14, 2004, please amend the Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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